Sri Chitra Mills, Alwaye.

98. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any agreement between the management of the Sri Chitra Mills, Alwaye, and the Government as to the employment of workmen in the Mills and if so, the terms of the agreement; and

(*b*) whether they have received any petition regarding the grievances of the people of the locality in not taking them as workmen in the said Company and importing Cochinites to the Mills?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) The agreement with the Company contains the provision that "the Company shall as far as possible, consistently with the efficient working of the Sri Chitra Mills, be guided by the following understanding come to with Government:

x x x

"In the inferior and superior services of the establishment encouragement to be given to Travancoreans by recruiting from them whenever qualified men are available and forthcoming."

(*b*) Yes.

Gazetted Officers in the Education Department.

99. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal at present to reduce the number of gazetted officers in the Education Department; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have decided to declare the gazetted teachers of the Education Department as non-gazetted.

(*b*) Due to the recognition of too many exceptions to the rule contained in Article 359 of the Financial and Account Code, the number of gazetted officers has increased considerably and some reduction was therefore considered necessary. The teachers of the Education Department who are to be treated as non-gazetted are mostly attached to institutions in charge of Headmasters who could conveniently draw and disburse their pay and it was therefore decided to declare them as non-gazetted.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know, Sir, the number of gazetted officers at present in the Education Department?

MR. A. LEKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: About six hundred.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know, Sir, what the number will be after the reduction?

MR. A. LEKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: After reduction it will be about two hundred.

Muslim Primary School, Quilon.

100. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Muslims of Quilon applied to the Government for the grant of a site for the construction of a building for accommodating a Muslim Primary School?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

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